(xvii) Bhutan will organize a workshop on sharing of experience in rural electrification with emphasis on remote area electrification some time in May/June 2006. Bhutan to confirm the venue and date by January 2006.

Problems faced by families affected by Tehri Dam

†* 534. MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether serious consideration is being given to solve the rehabilitation problem of Tehri Dam, Asia's largest dam under construction, within a period of three months on the lines of displaced persons of Sardar Sarovar Dam;

(b) the names of districts in which the displaced persons of Tehri Dam (Garhwal division) have been rehabilitated;

(c) the details of facilities provided to the displaced persons in the districts in which they have been rehabilitated; and

(d) the number of persons to whom compensation amount has finally been paid and the number of cases pending so far out of the displaced people whose houses and land have got submerged?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) to (d) The resettlement and rehabilitation (R&R) works of Tehri Dam Project are being handled by the Government of Uttaranchal with the funds being provided by Tehri Hydro Development Corporation (THDC). An attractive and a liberal rehabilitation package has been evolved, which has been improved from time to time. The sufficiency of the rehabilitation package has also been upheld by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

All the eligible fully affected 5291 urban families have already been rehabilitated. Out of the 5429 eligible rural families, who will be displaced when the full reservoir level of 830 meters is reached, all families residing upto the reservoir level of 790 meters have been paid full compensation. As the full reservoir level is likely to be achieved over the period of next

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3-4 years, the remaining 515 eligible rural families residing above level of 790 meters are being rehabilitated pari passu with the reservoir filling, in line with the directions of the Supreme Court. While the rehabilitation directorate of Government of Uttaranchal has offered to pay compensation to all, the remaining eligible families are not coming forward at this point of time, as the reservoir will fill up only after a period of three to four years. These families would move out at the appropriate time as they are cultivating their lands presently, which are not yet submerged.

The displaced persons of Tehri Dam have been rehabilitated in New Tehri, Haridwar and Dehradun districts.

For rehabilitation of Urban affected population, the modern Hill City of New Tehri Town has been developed, having facilities like Roads, Electricity, Drinking water supply, other essential community facilities i.e. Schools, Intermediate College, ITI, University Complex, Community Centre, Bus Stand, Shopping Complex, 77 bedded Hospital and Places of worship, etc.

Rural Rehabilitation Centres have been provided facilities including Roads, Electricity, Drinking water supply, Irrigation & other essential community facilities i.e. Schools, Barat Ghar, Shopping Complex, Dispensaries, Places of worship, etc.

Low literacy rate

* 535. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:
SHRI DARA SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the current literacy rate of the country is lagging behind many developing countries;

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by Government during 2006-07 to increase the literacy rate further.

(c) whether it is a fact that female literacy rate is less than the male literacy rate; and

(d) if so, the details thereof indicating budgetary provisions made,